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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office below-listed U.S. Application(s). The identification of the U.S. Patent Application(s) is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application(s) during examination.

Examiner's Initials

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Appln. No. 10/221,574 filed September 13, 2002; and  
\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Appln. No. 10/221,572 filed September 13, 2002.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that each above-identified application has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with PTO Rule 56, 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the U.S. Patent No. 6,119,693 identified in the specification and on the attached form PTO-1449. A brief explanation of the relevance of this reference is already set forth in the specification at page 2 . Official citation and consideration is requested.

In addition, as suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office WO 02/32491 A1, DE 100 45 183 A1, DE 200 17 940 U1 and DE 100 51 891 A1, each listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

The remaining references were cited in parent application No. 10/235,846 and therefore no copies are provided per Rule 98(d).

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE		
				CLASS	SUBCLASS	
	6,119,693	09/2000	KWOK et al.			
	1,081,745	12/1913	JOHNSTON			
	4,676,241	06/1987	WEBB et al.			
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	4,944,310	07/1990	SULLIVAN			
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	5,921,239	07/1999	McCALL et al.			
	6,112,746	09/2000	KWOK et al.			
	6,347,631	02/2002	HANSEN et al.			
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	6,422,238	07/2002	LITHGOW			
	6,530,373	03/2003	PATRON et al.			
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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							TRANSLATION	
	DOCUMENT	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS		YES	NO
	WO 02/32491 A2	04/2002	PCT				ABSTRACT	
	DE 100 45 183 A1	05/2002	GERMANY				ABSTRACT	
	DE 200 17 940 U1	02/2001	GERMANY				ABSTRACT	
	DE 100 51 891 A1	05/2002	GERMANY				ABSTRACT	
	DE29723101U1	07/1998	GERMANY					
	WO 98/12965	04/1998	PCT					
	WO 99/61088	12/1999	PCT					
	WO 00/78384	12/2000	PCT					

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent pages, etc.)**

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